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Timely Tidbits ...

August 30 Is Deadline for Voter Registration

In order to be eligible to cast their ballots in the Romulus Community Schools/City of Romulus special election - set for Monday, September 27, 1999 - residents of that school district and/or municipality must be registered to vote no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, August 30.

For more information, contact the office of Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate (734-942-7540).

Hunter Education

A two-day hunter-education course - sponsored by the Romulus Police Department and hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #9568 - will be held at VFW Hall (39270 Huron River Drive, Romulus) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 11, and Sunday, September 12. This free class is geared toward young hunters, but is open to everyone age 12 or older. Attendance at both classes is mandatory. Lunch will be provided.

Application forms - available at the Police Department (11165 Olive) - should be returned as soon as possible, since space is limited. Enrollment will be accepted on a first-come basis. The deadline for registration: Wednesday, September 8.

Historical Society Celebrates 20 Years

The Romulus Historical Society (RHS), established in 1979, will celebrate its 20th anniversary at the Romulus Historical Park (located on Hunt Street next to the Post Office) on Wednesday, August 18, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The event's attractions will include:

- pictures and videos of past and continuing RHS projects,
- various exhibits in the schoolhouse museum,
- music performed by the Down Home Duo, and
- refreshments such as cake, ice cream, and beverages.

Everyone is welcome. □

Ballot Proposals Would Save Taxpayers Money

How Homeowners Would Save Money If Ballot Proposals Are Passed

Home Value	New City Millage (Recreation)	New School Millage (Debt Fund)	New School Tax Reduction (Homeowner/Hold Harmless)	Homeowner Tax Savings
\$ 50,000	\$ 25.00	\$ 38.50	\$ 75.00	\$11.50
\$ 75,000	\$ 37.50	\$ 57.75	\$112.50	\$17.25
\$100,000	\$ 50.00	\$ 77.00	\$150.00	\$23.00
\$125,000	\$ 62.50	\$ 96.25	\$187.50	\$28.75
\$150,000	\$ 75.00	\$116.00	\$225.00	\$34.00
\$200,000	\$100.00	\$154.00	\$300.00	\$46.00

Figures supplied by Romulus Community Schools

On Monday, September 27, voters will decide the fate of two millage proposals and a bond issue that, if passed, would *lower* homeowners' property taxes while providing funding for a new City of Romulus recreation center and various improvements within the local school district.

How can homeowners have their cake and eat it, too? According to Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations for the Romulus Community Schools, booming growth of the area's overall tax base - along with the additional per-pupil State

funding that Romulus schools will receive due to the enrollment of students from the City's new housing developments - will lead to a dramatic increase in revenue. Even with a cutback in homeowners' property taxes, enough additional monies will be generated to fund the proposed city and schools projects.

Carr said that chief among the reasons for the district's \$34,165,000 bond-issue request is the need to construct another elementary school.

"The massive new housing development currently under construction in

the northeastern area of Romulus will add a significant number of new students to the school system," he explained. "This development - approximately one mile by one-half mile in area, and bordered by Van Born Road on the north, Merriman Road on the east, and Beverly Road on the south - will consist of 660 housing units. Plugging this information into the State of Michigan's 'future student enrollment' formula, we have determined that there is a definite need for an additional elementary school."

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Boys & Girls Club Takes in Tigers

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Officer Carolyn Huggins (Romulus Police Department), John Juriga (Romulus Middle School), and Deanna Strong (Romulus Community Schools "21st Century Grant" Project Coordinator), 24 members of the Romulus Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Michigan got to see the Detroit Tigers play the Kansas City Royals at historic Tiger Stadium on Thursday, July 22, 1999.

The Romulus Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Michigan - located in the Merriman Elementary School building at 15303 Merriman Road - is a year-round program for children ages six through 18. The annual membership fee is \$25 per year.

For more information, please call 734-941-5839. □



(From left) kneeling - Brandon Whorton, Justin Thompson, and Shaquille Collins; first row - Cheri Whorton, Chelsea Earby, Maxine Henderson, Nicole Love, Brittany Mills, Ondre Matthews, Erin Rundenza, Melissa Groce, Roger Groce, Whitnie Martinez, and Anthony Groce; second row - Cherivia McMillan, James Flournoy, Antoine Baines, Horace Baines, Maura Harris, Adrianna Froust, Natalie Mitchell, Aaron Rollins, Legina Thomas, and Sam Brown; back row - Deanna Strong, John Juriga, Officer Carolyn Huggins, and BGCSM staff members Jennifer Sipple, Jill Covell, and Valerie Flournoy.

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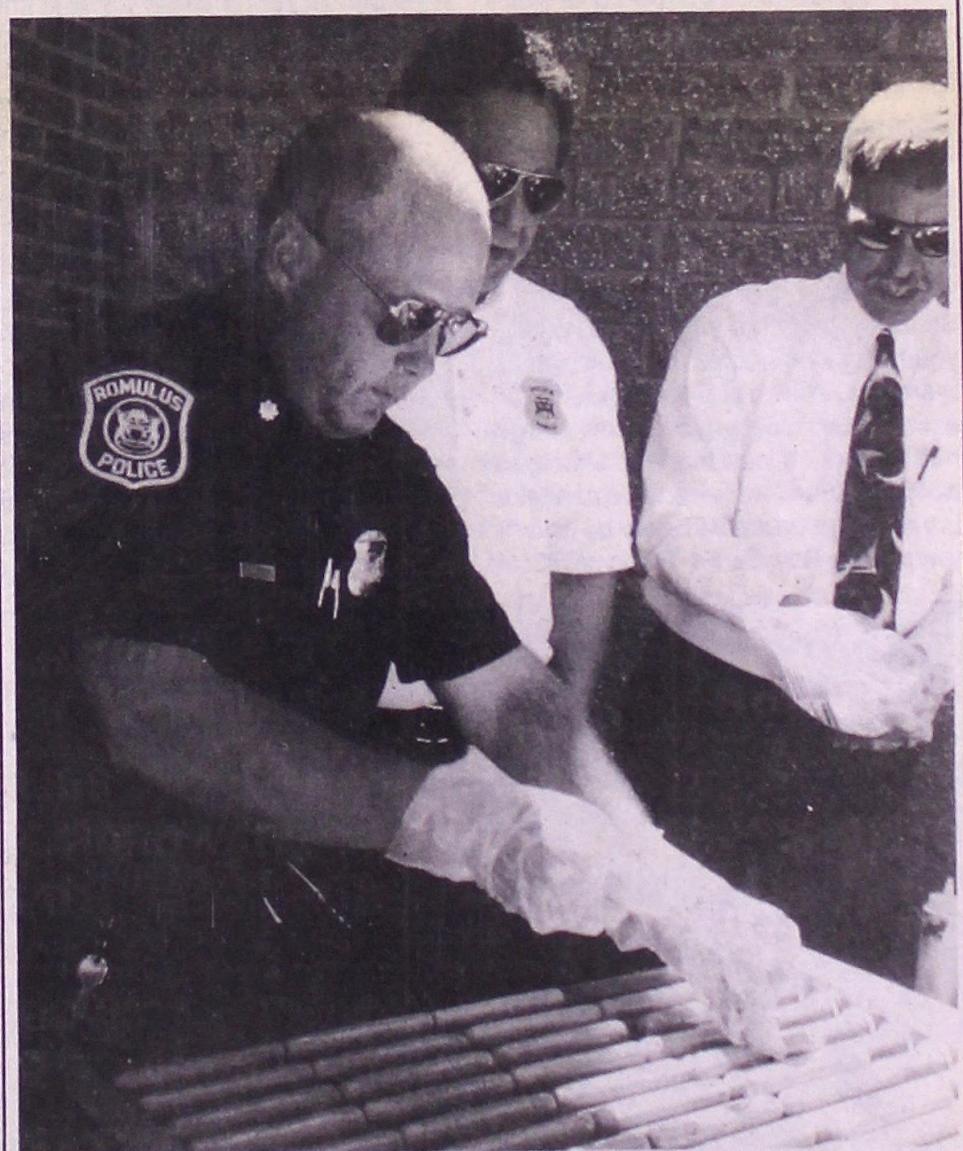
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National Night Out



Once again, staff members and volunteers from the Romulus Recreation Center and the Romulus Senior Center were heavily involved in planning the City's annual National Night Out (NNO) program to promote crime-and drug-prevention awareness throughout the community. Among those who attended the Senior Center's NNO turkey dinner on Tuesday, August 3, were (from left) Dorothy Snyr, Dorothy Fidderspiel, and Ruth McGoldrick.



(From left) Executive Lieutenant Eric Painter, Chief Charles Kirby, and Executive Lieutenant Robert Brown of the Romulus Police Department were kept busy grilling hot dogs for the NNO Block Party's hungry crowd. Police Department officials estimate that approximately 300 local citizens attended the program.

Police Program Mentors Youth

The Romulus Police Department's mentoring program – unofficially titled PROJECT 2008 in reference to the projected graduation date of its young participants – recently hosted its first group activity. The overnight camp-out, called KIDStock '99, was held June 26–27 at Elmer Johnson Park in Romulus.

"With PROJECT 2008, we hope to introduce at-risk children to positive experiences and influences during some of the most crucial of their formative years: the period between the fourth and seventh grades," said Lieutenant James Rafalski, head of the Department's Community Neighborhood Services (CNS) Unit.

Rafalski added that CNS Sergeant Cora Semrau and Officers Rose Cooper, Carolyn Huggins, Warren Jones, and Anthony Norman hope to establish positive relationships with the children in order to foster:

- improved self-esteem;
- a positive attitude about (and improvement in) academics;
- a greater awareness about health and safety issues;
- an improved ability to develop relationships with adults; and
- the enhancement of personal skills that will help to improve citizenship and responsible adulthood.

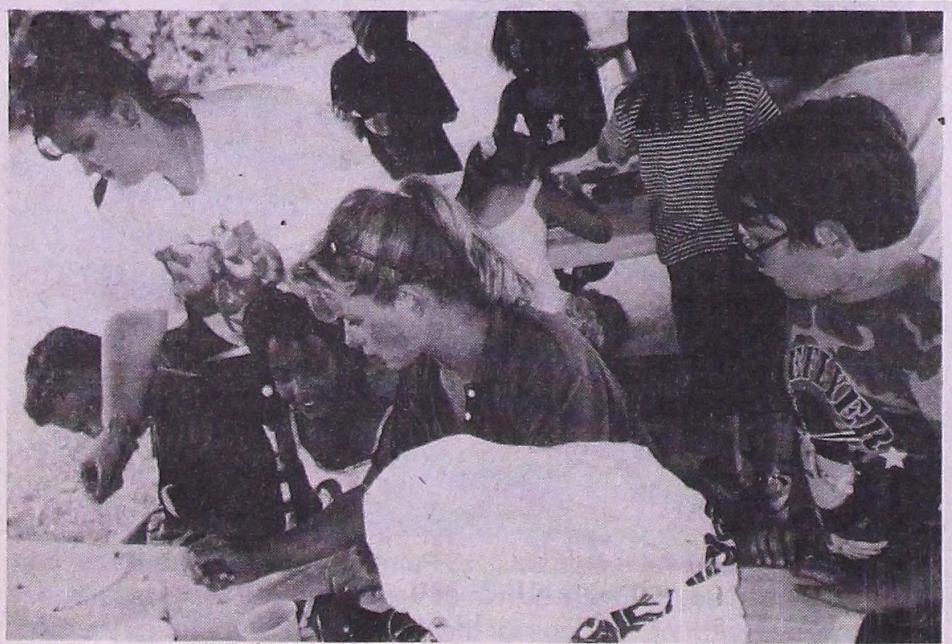
Implementation of the KIDStock '99 program was the idea of Officer Norman, who had seen a similar program at work in Van Buren Township, and thought it would be an ideal way to begin building a relationship between the officers and the children. KIDStock began early on a Saturday morning, when participating youths, accompanied by their family members, arrived at Elmer Johnson for a tour of their sleeping quarters (a large military tent on loan from the Michigan National Guard), followed by a pancake breakfast (prepared in part by volunteers from Boy Scout Troop #872 of

Romulus). Immediately afterward, following the parents' departure, children met with their assigned police officer/mentor to review the rules and guidelines for the weekend.

The day's remaining hours were busy ones. Among the activities were:

- a first-aid class, featuring demonstrations conducted by Community Emergency Medical Services;
- a tie-dye project, in which each child used the traditional method of twisting or folding, then binding material (in this case, a white T-shirt with a black KIDStock logo on the front), before squirting colorful dyes onto selected areas;
- a Michigan history/geography presentation – including a discussion about (and exhibit of) things that are unique to our state – by Officer Michael Jones;
- a "serve-yourself" lunch (again prepared with the assistance of Troop #872) of bread, cold cuts, cheeses, fruit, and milk;
- a fire-safety program, conducted by the Romulus Fire Department, which concluded with a "water cannon" demonstration that also served a secondary purpose: "showering" the children to cool them off on what was proving to be a very hot afternoon;
- a water-balloon competition, in which the children had fun targeting each other and/or their officer/mentor;
- an art/jewelry-making project, led by Officers Cooper and Huggins;
- an organized sports event – featuring soccer, volleyball, basketball, and Frisbee – for those who weren't interested in the art project;
- an anti-violence presentation conducted by Officer Joseph Richardson and Officer Alan Lambert (a recent graduate of Eastern Michigan University's anti-gang training program);

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Officer Carolyn Huggins (along with Officer Rose Cooper) directed an open art activity for the KIDStock participants.

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Summer School Days



Seventh-grade students learning about the history of flight in teacher Laurel Kucharski's Aim High class at Romulus Middle School were (from left) LaJoyce Orr, Joshua Brown, and Natasha Murray.



Among those who participated in teacher Sylvia Sagmani's Academic Adventure Camp class at Barth Elementary School this summer were (from left) Ashley Wagle (second grade, Wick), Frank McCurdy (third grade, Merriman), Cicely Shaw (third grade, Wick), Diamond Aldson (third grade, Barth), and Amberlie Taylor (second grade, Barth).



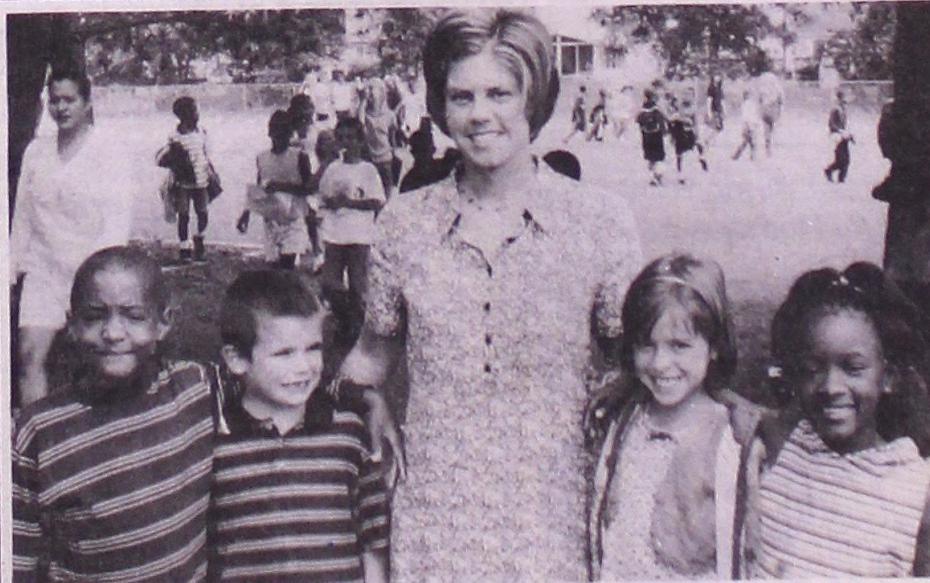
Marci Tomchick (center), Administrator of Romulus High School's Summer School program, talked with math students James Glass (tenth grade) and Michelle LeFehr (twelfth grade).



Studying oceanography under Barth Academic Adventure Camp teacher Jadie Kieft were (from left) Dolores Garry (sixth grade, Cory), Kerri Britz (fifth grade, Barth), Lajoya Rush (fifth grade, Barth), Kyle Sherwood (fourth grade, Cory), and Kristine Plank (sixth grade, Barth).



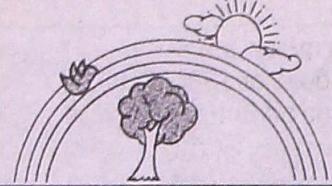
Among those students in Livonia Churchill teacher Heidi Richardson's (right) summer-school science class at Romulus High were (from left) Mike Martinez (twelfth grade), Latasha Reed (eleventh grade), and Cedric Simpson (twelfth grade).



Among those participating in the Reading Express program at Halecreek – under the instruction of Amy Collins (center), a second-year teacher at Detroit McMillan – were (from left) Justin Hurst (second grade, Merriman), Timothy Dane (second grade, Halecreek), Danielle Lucaj (second grade, Halecreek), and Joslyn Poupey (second grade, Halecreek).

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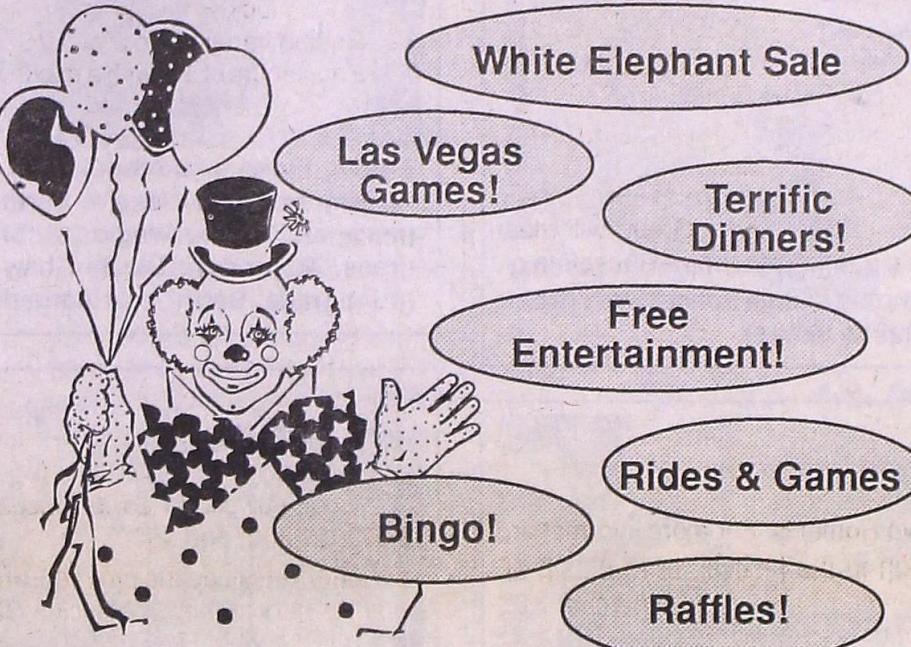
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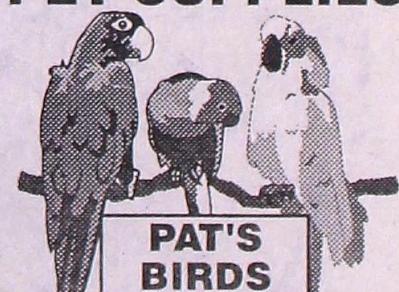
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Community Calendar

- PWP Hosts "Carnival of Clowns" Dance** – Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners invites you to its "Carnival of Clowns" Dance, to be held at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard roads in Taylor) on Friday, August 13, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. (An orientation for prospective members is planned for 8 p.m.; a general membership meeting for 8:30 p.m.) Clown costumes are encouraged, but not required. Admission is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. For information, contact Membership VP George Graff at 313-388-8488.
- Audition Call for Barnum** – The Downriver Youth Performing Arts Center is auditioning players ages five to 19 for a late-fall production of *Barnum*. The audition will be held at the Trenton Theatre (2447 West Jefferson) on Sunday, August 15, from 6 to 10 p.m. Come prepared to sing a song and do a dance of your choice. For more information, call 734-676-1145.
- Technology Demonstration at Romulus High School** – To give local voters and other interested residents a firsthand look at some of the exciting technology improvements that the Romulus Community Schools would be able to implement with the passage of the proposed bond issue on September 27, the district is hosting a "Technology Demonstration" in the Media Center at the High School (19650 South Wayne Road) on Tuesday, August 17, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- "African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on August 18) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- Pumpkin Fest Seeks Crafters, Vendors, Entertainers** – The City of Romulus is looking for crafters, vendors, and entertainers interested in participating in its third annual Pumpkin Festival, set for Saturday and Sunday, September 18–19, in downtown Romulus. For more information; to make a monetary or in-kind donation to the festival; or to obtain an application for street space or food vending (deadline: September 10), contact Susan Watts (734-941-0476) or Maria Lambert (734-942-7543). To volunteer your talents for the entertainment portion of the festival, call Ellen Bragg (734-942-9207).
- Yard & Craft Sale at Rudgate West** – Rudgate West (located on Ecorse Road between Cogswell and Hannan) will host a Yard & Craft Sale on Saturday, September 25, and Sunday, September 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Crafters Wanted!** – St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church (located at the corner of Ellis and Craig streets in New Boston) is looking for crafters for its annual Applefest Bazaar and Craft Show (set for the first weekend in October). For more information, call the church: 734-753-9048.
- TOPS Meetings** – TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter #MI1690, Taylor – a nonprofit weight-loss support group – invites you to attend its weekly meetings, which are held at 7:05 p.m. each Thursday at Taylor Church of Nazarene, Eureka Road just west of Telegraph. Dues are \$20/year + \$1/week (first visit free).
- Big, Beautiful People Welcome!** – The "More to Love" Social Club for Big, Beautiful People and their admirers welcomes you. Call 313-438-2720.
- Head Start Seeks Applicants** – Romulus Head Start is recruiting eligible three- and four-year-old children for its free preschool program, which is held at Beverly School. Head Start serves children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, or to apply, call 734-334-1812.
- St. Aloysius Accepting Registrations** – St. Aloysius Catholic School, located at 37200 Neville Road in Romulus, still has a few openings for the 1999–2000 school year for students in grades kindergarten through eight. Along with academics, the school offers a five-day/all-day kindergarten program, a brand-new computer lab (three days per week), physical education (two days per week), and an instrumental music program. For further information, call the school office (734-941-3340).

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REGULAR MEETING, JULY 26, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, July 26, 1999, was called to order by President Bette M. Lenossi at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed member Eva Webb absent (excused). Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, requested that Item H., "Executive Session – Negotiations," be deleted under "Report of the Superintendent."

7/99/20 Moved by Woods supported by Dick that the Agenda be approved as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

7/99/21 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert that the Board approve the Minutes of June 28, 1999; June 29, 1999; July 12, 1999 (Statutory Meeting); and July 12, 1999 (Regular Meeting), as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Member Webb entered the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Mike Bingamen, 4th Grade, Wick Elementary School, Effective September 1, 1999; Debra Roberts, 1st Grade, Cory Elementary School, Effective September 1, 1999; Jeffrey Legg, Special Education, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective September 1, 1999; Jeffrey Leucht, 5th Grade, Halecreek Elementary School, Effective September 1, 1999; Catherine Navetta, 6th Grade, Merriman Elementary School, Effective September 1, 1999; and Laura Ralko, School Nurse, Effective September 1, 1999.

7/99/22 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods to accept the employment recommendations as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT (information, only): Dale Gots, Maintenance "B," Effective July 19, 1999.

RESIGNATIONS: William Kinney, Teacher, Middle School, and Michael Kessler, Teacher, Cory Elementary School.

7/99/23 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert that the Board accept the resignations of Michael Kessler and William Kinney as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

7/99/24 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods that the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Resolution to Call the September 27, 1999, Election

7/99/25 Moved by Webb supported by Woods that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution calling an election for September 27, 1999. This election will ask for a \$34,165,000 bond issue and a renewal of our operating millage. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Surplus Vehicle – Declaration

7/99/26 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert that the Board of Education declare Vehicle #159 surplus and offer it for sale. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

None.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) National Center for Community Education's Congratulations – Tom Dolan; 2) MASB Document (Missing Page Included); and 3) MSBO Letter of Congratulations – Joel Carr.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/99/27 Moved by Webb supported by Woods that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Ballot Proposals

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- Other district projects would include:
- an overall upgrade of all buildings' computer-related technology, including the addition of a "smart lab" (Lab 6000) at the High School,
- construction of a pool at the High School,
- improvements to band facilities at the Middle School and High School,
- improvements to the Middle School's athletic facilities,
- addition of a state-of-the-art science room to each elementary,
- construction of additional classroom space at Halecreek and Merriman,
- improvements in rest rooms, exterior lighting, landscaping, and vehicular traffic patterns at all facilities,
- installation of security cameras at several facilities.

Mayor William Oakley also supports passage of all the proposals.

"Romulus is lucky to have such a great opportunity to improve its facilities without burdening its homeowners," Oakley stated. "So often, our city has found itself behind surrounding communities when it comes to the amenities that are available to residents. But the passage of these proposals will give our citizens a first-class recreation center that's as good as or better than anything our neighbors have, and will also allow our school district to maintain modern facilities into the next century." □

KIDStock '99

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- a moving presentation on ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease) given by ALS fund-raiser Gregory Hitchcock, who had traveled from Tiger Stadium to Belleville High School in his wheelchair that day, and had received traffic assistance through Romulus, Van Buren, and Belleville from officers participating in the KIDStock program;
- an "outdoor barbecue" dinner; and
- an evening adventure that began with a hayride trip (courtesy of Oscar Hamilton) to the Romulus Raccoon Hunters Club on Wick Road, where the children enjoyed a bonfire – complete with "s'more" making – followed by a "snipe-hunting" party through the Club grounds before eventually returning to camp.

Despite their exhausting schedule, the youngsters somehow found the energy for about an hour of story-telling before dropping off to sleep at 1:30 a.m.

The event's planners had intended KIDStock '99 to continue through lunch the next day, but flooding due to an early-morning rainstorm cut things short, and the camp-out wrapped up soon after breakfast.

Although the participants' clothes and shoes had been dampened, their spirits were not, and the event concluded on a high note. □

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STUDY SESSION, JULY 27, 1999

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, July 27, 1999, was called to order by President Bette M. Lenossi at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call showed all members present. Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

7/99/28 Moved by Woods supported by Lambert to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

BOND ISSUE/MILLAGE ELECTION AND COOPERATION WITH CITY ELECTION:

The Board and administration discussed the development of a strategy for the passage of the ballot proposals scheduled for September 27, 1999. We agreed to:

- 1) Have one committee to promote both the city and school proposals.
- 2) Develop literature to familiarize the community with the issues.
- 3) Develop literature to show the fine programs we have. This will give information to generate enthusiasm for the continuation of strong community support.
- 4) Develop a list of possible committee members.
- 5) Support committee efforts to raise money for the election effort.
- 6) Continue strategy meetings as the campaign develops.
- 7) Have Board members elicit support from their constituents.
- 8) Immediately begin communication with the unions (Teachers, Local 64, Paras, and City Teamsters) to promote the election effort.

MEETING SCHEDULE – TUESDAY MISSES NEWSPAPER DEADLINE – ATHLETICS:

No decision was made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

Board discussion ensued.

ADJOURNMENT:

7/99/29 Moved by Woods supported by Webb that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

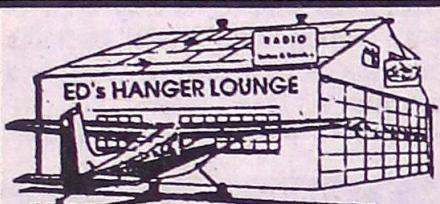
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Recreation News

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation Programs" column.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Department during its regular hours (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Recreation office (36515 Bibbins) or call 734-942-6852.

- RayShawn Jones (second place, running broad jump, Class B),
- Antoinette Nelson (first place, shuttle relay, Class A),
- Monique Solomon (first place, shuttle relay, Class A),
- Avery Stephenson (first place, shuttle relay, Class B), and
- Jeremiah Yeager (first place, chin-ups, Class A).

Congratulations to all.

Fall Softball

The Romulus Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for the ISA Fall Softball program, with play (doubleheader format) in the following divisions:

- Monday/Wednesday Men's White (begins September 8; eight teams/ 14 games/two umpires; six-home-run limit; \$400 per team);
- Friday Men's White (begins September 10; six teams/10 games/two umpires; six-home-run limit; \$325 per team);
- Sunday Men's White (begins August 29; 10 teams/nine games/two umpires; five-home-run limit; \$325 per team); and
- Tuesday Coed Recreation (begins September 7; six teams/10 games/one umpire; three-home-run limit for men/unlimited for women; \$250 per team).

The deadline for registration is August 20. A mandatory manager's meeting is set for August 25.

Road Rally

Since last year's event was such an enormous success, the Romulus Recreation Department will once again sponsor a Road Rally in conjunction with the annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival to benefit Romulus Little League and Romulus High School baseball.

Set for Saturday, September 18, from 6 to 9 p.m., the Road Rally will begin with an orientation briefing at the Recreation Center, then continue as participating teams (up to six people per vehicle) try to become one of the first three groups to track down a series of clues and win a prize.

Registration for the Road Rally will begin August 16 at the Recreation office. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Because space is limited to the first 40 teams to sign up, advance registration is recommended. (As a further incentive, mementoes will be given to the first 150 people who enter.) Deadline for registration is Friday, September 17.

For more information, contact Keith Brothers at the Recreation Department office (734-942-6852) or call Debbie DeMoisey (734-942-9261). □

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Audry Moonaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

A World of Thanks for NNO Help

Senior Program Coordinator Linda Norman and Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who had a hand in making the City's annual National Night Out program such a big success.

Although the volunteers who organized and "manned" the block party's various activities were too numerous to thank individually here, their efforts were appreciated nonetheless.

Among the business people and community organizations that were kind enough to sponsor or participate in NNO activities, special thanks go out to:

- the Romulus Rotary Club and Oscar Hamilton – for combining their resources to sponsor another great hayride event;
- 34th District Court Judges Tina Brooks Green and Brian A. Oakley – for being the best of sports while doing "dunk tank" duty;
- Judy Bowers of McDonald's restaurant (Wayne Road/Romulus) – for arranging to have her good friend, Ronald McDonald, put on a wonderful show for the students from the Romulus Head Start program;
- Dr. Phyllis Noda and the Team Eight Group of Eastern Michigan University; Gale Reinhackel of the Romulus Head Start program; John Bokata of J.T. Crova's Towing Service; Barry Caplin of DoubleTree Hotel; Julie Allison of U.S. Park; and the Crime Prevention Association of Michigan – for their sponsorship of various games, activities, and displays and/or their donations of funds, equipment, and goodies.

Craft Shows

Space is still available at no charge to local seniors (age 50 and up) who would like to participate in the Romulus Senior Center's upcoming craft show, to be held Saturday, September 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, September 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in conjunction with the City's annual Pumpkin Festival.

Sign up at the Center.

Yard Sale

Local senior citizens are also invited to participate in the Romulus Senior Center's no-fee yard sale, set for Friday, August 27, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, August 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sign-up sheets are available at the Center.

Club #1 Wants You!

Club #1, which usually meets at the Romulus Senior Center each Tuesday at 11 a.m., has scheduled only two meetings this month. They are:

- August 17 (brief meeting, picnic, birthday celebration, raffle, and games) and
- August 31 (meeting, potluck, and bingo).

New members are always welcome.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

(Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- *Branson & Eureka Springs* (September 19-25; \$699),
- *Soaring Eagle (Mt. Pleasant)* (September 29; \$21),
- *Biloxi, Mississippi & New Orleans* (November 7-13; \$499),
- *Soaring Eagle (Mt. Pleasant)* (November 16; \$21),
- *"Mystery Tour"* (November 17; \$55), and
- *Radio City Rockettes/Fox Theatre* (December 10; \$79).

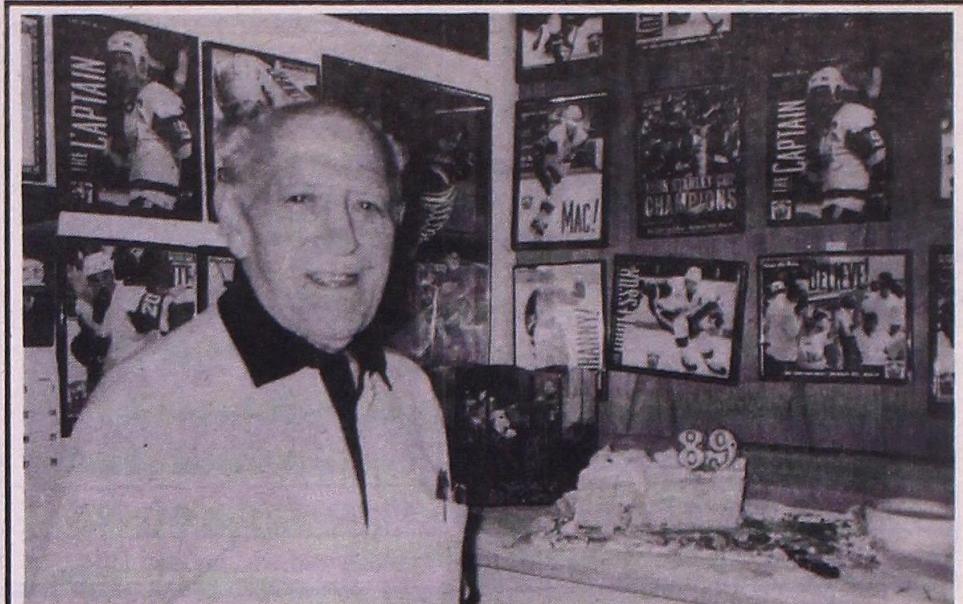
"Ask the Attorney"

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17.

As always, both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) are welcome.

Free Blood-pressure Check

Rachael O'Neil, a registered nurse who resides here in Romulus, has generously agreed to donate one afternoon per month to perform free blood-pressure checks at Romulus Senior Center. (Next date: Wednesday, August 18, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.) Be sure to stop in and take advantage of this important service. □



The Kozy Korner Cafe in downtown Romulus was especially busy on Tuesday, August 3, when the restaurant's owner, Emin "Elvis" Metasan, invited the community to stop by and share a piece of birthday cake with prominent local businessman, Joe Lambert.

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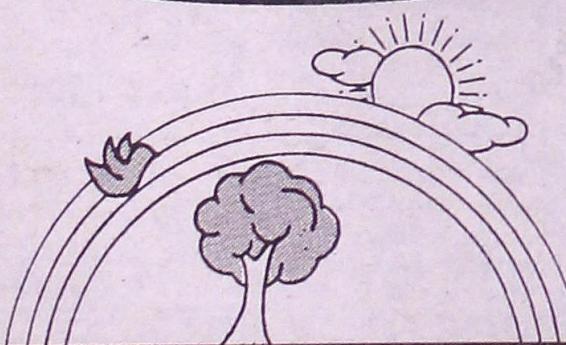
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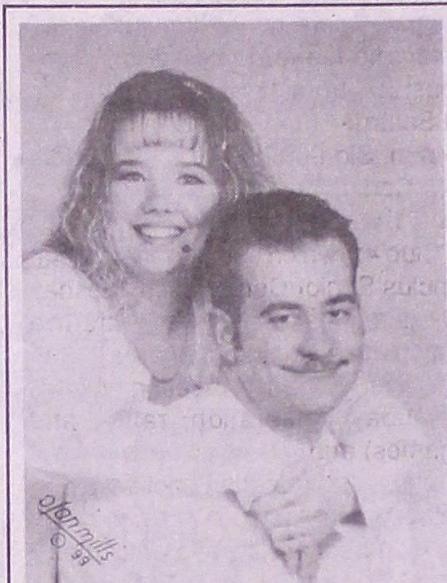
The couple—who became engaged on August 23, 1998—plan to exchange their wedding vows at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI) on Saturday, September 11, 1999.

Standing up with Justin will be groomsmen Bruce Doyle, Rick Hadyniak, Todd Hardrick, Jeffery Kelley, Joe Kelley, Jason Laskaska, and Justin Smathers.

Jena's attendants will be bridesmaids Jackie Long, Stephanie Covert, Sarah Slayton, Melanie Wilhide, Nicole Laskaska, Rachel Laskaska, and Lisa Tibble.

Justin Long will serve as ring bearer; the flower girl will be Heather Doyle.

A reception at the Romulus Progressive Club (Romulus, MI) will immediately follow the ceremony. □



Justin and Jena

Joe and Judy Kelley of Allen Park, Michigan, are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter,

Rodney Pate and Carolyn Whitman

Larry Whitman of New Boston, Michigan, and Joyce Clark of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Whitman, to Rodney Pate, the son of Mike and Linda Kilgore of Taylor, Michigan.

The couple will exchange their wedding vows at Free Community Bible Church (Riverview, MI) on Saturday, September 25, 1999.

Standing up with Larry will be groomsmen Jim Dagley, Greg Banas, Mike Kilgore, and Michael Pate.

Carolyn's attendants will be bridesmaids Tammy Oskarek, Debbie Banas, Linda Hiller, and Erin Pate.

Dylan Lee will serve as ring bearer; the flower girls will be Josie Banas and Jaymee Young.

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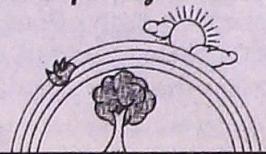
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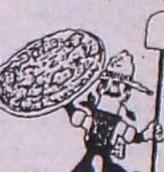
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